

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Immediately after the Title and before the first line of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

A¹ This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/US07318 filed April 16, 1998, which application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of application 60/044,626 filed April 18, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 13-39 as follows (a clean set of the claims is attached as an Appendix):

A² Sub B¹ 13. (New) A method for the prophylactic treatment of a subject at risk of developing a cardiovascular disorder which comprises treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof in combination with an agent selected from the group consisting of (1) a lipid lowering drug, (2) an anti-oxidant, (3) a IIb/IIIa antagonist, (4) an aldosterone inhibitor, (5) an AII antagonist, (6) a β -blocker, (7) aspirin (8) a loop diuretic and (9) an ace inhibitor.

14. (New) The prophylactic treatment method of claim 13 wherein said subject is treated with said cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, or said pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with said lipid lowering drug.

Sub B² 15. (New) The prophylactic treatment method of claim 14 wherein said lipid lowering drug is selected from the group consisting of (1) an IBAT inhibitor, (2) a fibrate, (3) niacin, (4) a statin, (5) a CETP inhibitor and (6) a bile acid sequestrant.